

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FILED: January 25, 2006 GROUP ART UNIT: Not Assigned
INVENTION: **COUPLING CLOSURES AND DOCKING DEVICES
COMPRISING SAID COUPLING CLOSURES**

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**SUBMISSION OF SIGNED DECLARATION and
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements dated February 6, 2007,
Applicants submit herewith the executed Declaration.

In the Notice of Missing Requirements, the Examiner indicated additional claim fees of \$200 as a small entity were due. since the Examiner believed there were five independent claims over three for a total eight independent claims. However, there are nine independent claims. Therefore the total over three is six independent claims.

On January 25, 2006 when the national stage was entered, Applicants paid for a total of six independent claims (three extra over three) in the amount of \$300.00. Since there are nine independent claims representing six additional independent claims, an additional fee of \$600 for small entity was required at time of

filing. Since Applicants already paid \$300, Applicants are now paying the additional \$300 herewith electronically to cover payment of all nine of the independent claims.

Respectfully Submitted



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